



## Christopher Allen Rittershaus

June 13, 1964 - February 23, 2013

Christopher Allen Rittershaus, 48 of Santa Barbara, formally of Peabody, MA passed away unexpectedly on February 23, 2013.

Born in Alexandria, VA, he was the son of Glenda (Pierce) Rittershaus of Newburyport, MA, and Charles Rittershaus of Ventura, CA. He was raised in Peabody and was a graduate of Peabody Veterans Memorial High School in 1982.

Chris moved to California where he pursued a career in music. He was a musician who taught, composed and performed professionally. Chris also worked security at the Santa Barbara Rescue Mission. He loved spending time with his daughter, Kira, especially when they would write and perform music together

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In addition to his parents and his daughter, Kira, he is survived by his brother, Kevin Rittershaus of Lynn, MA and his wife Jamie and his two sisters, Kelly Rittershaus-Smith of Ventura, CA and Carolyn Rittershaus of Newburyport, MA. He also leaves several nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

A scholarship fund has been set up for Chris' daughter, Kira. If you would like to donate please mail donations to:

Olga Rittershaus

7170 Davenport Road, Apt 202

Goleta, ca 93117.

In memo write CUTMA or for billpay routing #12223478 accr # 192691567.

Please make checks payable to: Kira Rittershaus

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 6. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Welch-Ryce-Haider - Downtown  
15 E. Sola St.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 965-5145  
info@wrhsb.com  
<https://www.wrhsb.com>

## Memorial Service

MAR 7. 10:00 AM (PT)

Coast Community Church  
4973 Via Los Santos Rd.  
Santa Barbara, CA

# Tribute Wall

BP

“ Chris has been there for me his whole life. Some may say he was forced to be my friend because we were relatives --but for him and I we could always connect at any time, any place and it was like we were never apart. I loved the fact that his love was unconditional .. to me to Kira to others and that is a quality that sticks with me and I can hear him chastise me for not being the dad or person I could be. We were able to share each others highs and lows and because of that we had a bond that can never be broken.He shared a child like quality that he got from his mother, one of innocence yet he wielded great influence! I am still not sure how he got me to drive Charlies truck without permission so I think he has some explaining to do in heaven! I will surely miss the soothing voice and reassurance he always provided me - but the memories I hold keep him close. No Glenda you cannot correct my english -- this is from me direct to Chris and he gets it warts and all. Isn't that the Pierce way? Chris if you are laughing at me I am gonna kick your ass...

*Billy*

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**Bill Pierce** - March 06, 2013 at 10:00 AM

RB

“ There are too many stories and funny memories to choose just one. But, because of you and our awesome neighborhood, I am blessed to have had you as a friend during the best times of our life. When things were free, no cares in the world. Just being kids. That high pitched laugh of yours and all the mischief we got into will forever be in my heart. Until we meet again my friend. Thinking of you Glenda, Kelly, Kevin and Caroline. Kira, though I have never met you, your dad was an amazing talented man and the neighborhood we grew up in has endless stories and memories. I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. God bless you sweetheart. We were all devastated here when we got the news. I hope you find peace and carry all the wonderful things about your dad in your heart, where he will live forever.



robyn brown - March 05, 2013 at 07:42 PM

 Lisa Masella

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Lisa Masella - March 05, 2013 at 02:51 PM

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Prayers to Kira, Jamie and the entire family. Chris was a fabulous high school friend.

Lisa Masella - March 05, 2013 at 02:52 PM

 Wendy Champigny

Prayers to the entire family.

Wendy Champigny - March 05, 2013 at 03:12 PM

IM

*Thinking of the entire family during this sad time.*

*Ilene Garber MacDonald, PVMHS Class of 82*

**Ilene Garber MacDonald** - March 05, 2013 at 03:49 PM

LP

“ *To Glenda, Kevin, Kelly, Carolyn and Kira, All of our family will miss Chris with all our hearts, but we are also blessed with some happy memories of times we all shared with him and you. Kira, the last time I saw the both of you was a long time ago.. but I will never forget your Dad's smile and sense of humor. He brought laughter and smiles to all of us... My heart goes out to all of you... please know that even though I am on the East Coast, I will be with you all in spirit during his service. With all my love, your cousin, Linda*

**Linda Pierce** - March 04, 2013 at 04:00 PM

JH

“ *I am deeply sorry for your loss! To all the Rittershaus family you have my heartfelt sympathy, Love, Cousin Judy*



**Judith Learoyd Haley** - March 04, 2013 at 03:12 PM